

# Memorandum

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TO: Steve Henrichsen, Planning

FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation *Lynn Johnson*

RE: Review of Proposed 2004 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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The purpose of this memo is to provide comments on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department regarding proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan associated with the 2004 annual review.

- Number 04003** We endorse the request of Lincoln Public Schools to include an Executive Summary of the MGT of America, Inc. Study along with additional master planning information in the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. This would assist in ongoing efforts toward coordinated planning for community facilities and infrastructure.
- Number 04004** We endorse the proposed revisions to the Lincoln Area Current and Future Trails Network Map. In addition, we recommend that the future trail depicted along Sun Valley Boulevard between 'O' Street and Charleston Street be deleted as it duplicates the recently completed trail along the Salt Creek levee in the same area.
- Number 04005** We recommend that:
- the corridor study at 98th and Highway 2 include a grade separated trail crossing over Highway 2, as identified on the Trails Network Plan;
  - the corridor study of 56 and Highway 2 include consideration of a trail connection between the Highway 2 Trail, the Old Cheney Road Trail, and the Beal Slough Trail; and
  - the corridor study at 13th and Highway 2 include consideration of a trail connection and westerly extension of the Highway 2 Trail.
- Number 04009** The proposed acreage density (i.e., one dwelling unit per three acres) does not trigger the need for a neighborhood park in this area.
- Number 04010** The proposed roadway connection to South 56th Street crosses a piece of publicly owned property dedicated to the City as "park/open space". It is recommended that the City Attorney be consulted to determine the legality of extending a road through this property. We have determined that the property is not needed for active recreation (e.g., neighborhood park), and is most suitable as open space along Beal Slough.
- Number 04011** There is not a neighborhood park within walking distance (i.e., approximately ½ mile) of the area proposed for urban residential

development. We recommend that neighborhood parkland be provided at service standard of two acres per 1,000 residents as adopted within the Parks, Recreation & Open Space chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. This would allow for development of a playground and play court.

It is recommended that a future neighborhood park be added in this area.

**Number 04012** There is not a neighborhood park within walking distance (i.e., approximately ½ mile) of the proposed urban residential development. We recommend that neighborhood parkland be provided at service standard of two acres per 1,000 residents as adopted within the Parks, Recreation & Open Space chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The parkland could be located within the floodplain area of Stevens create consistent with the intent expressed within the Comprehensive Plan for neighborhood parks to serve multiple functions, such as storm water management.

A future neighborhood park is presently depicted for this area.

**Number 04013** There is not a neighborhood park within walking distance (i.e., approximately ½ mile) of the area proposed for urban residential development. We recommend that neighborhood parkland be provided at service standard of two acres per 1,000 residents as adopted within the Parks, Recreation & Open Space chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

A future neighborhood park is presently depicted for this area.

**Number 04014** There is not a neighborhood park within walking distance (i.e., approximately ½ mile) of the area proposed for urban residential development. We recommend that neighborhood parkland be provided at service standard of two acres per 1,000 residents as adopted within the Parks, Recreation & Open Space chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

It is recommended that a future neighborhood park be added in this area.

**Number 04015** There is not a neighborhood park within walking distance (i.e., approximately ½ mile) of the area proposed for urban residential development. We recommend that neighborhood parkland be provided at service standard of two acres per 1,000 residents as adopted within the Parks, Recreation & Open Space chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

A future neighborhood park is presently depicted for this area.

**Number 04018** An undeveloped regional park site, Jensen Park, is located southeast of the intersection of So. 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Yankee Hill Road. A City communications tower is located in the southeast portion of the site. The communications tower is accessed via a service road extending along the

eastern property boundary from Yankee Hill. This service road would not be accessible if Yankee Hill Road were to be removed between So. 84<sup>th</sup> Street and the railroad tracks. Therefore, it is requested that the existing paved road remain in public ownership east from the new So. 91st Street to the eastern boundary of Jensen Park as a service road until such time as the park site is developed and an alternate access to the communications tower is created.

I apologize for the delay in getting this information to you. Please contact me at 441-8265 with questions or comments.